

Amendments to the Claims

**Claims 1-12. (Cancelled)**

13. **(Currently Amended)** A hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor comprising:

a compressor element elastically supported in an enclosed container;

a cup-shaped stopper fixed to an inner upper part of said enclosed container, said cup-shaped stopper having a convex linearcurved protrusion extending inwardly from an inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper;

a crankshaft associated with said compressor element, with an upper end portion of said crankshaft extending into said cup-shaped stopper, and being spaced from said inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper with no structure existing between said upper end portion and said inner peripheral surface, such that said upper end portion of said ~~crank shaft~~crankshaft is arranged to contact said convex linearcurved protrusion and said inner peripheral surface upon oscillation of said compressor element; and

a motor element for driving said compressor element,

wherein said curved protrusion has a linear shape, extends along an axial direction of said crankshaft, and is formed along said inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

    said convex linearcurved protrusion has an apex and flanks on opposite sides of said apex, with said flanks each having a radius of curvature such that a center of the radius of curvature is positioned outside of said cup-shaped stopper.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

    said flanks are generally symmetrical relative to one another about said apex.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 15, wherein  
said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and  
said ~~convex linear~~curved protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~convex linear~~curved protrusion.

17. **(Cancelled)**

18. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 15, wherein  
said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and  
said ~~convex linear~~curved protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

19. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein  
said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and  
said ~~convex linear~~curved protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~convex linear~~curved protrusion.

20. **(Cancelled)**

21. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

    |     said ~~convex linearcurved~~ protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

22. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

    |     said ~~convex linearcurved~~ protrusion has an apex and flanks on opposite sides of said apex, with said flanks being generally symmetrical relative to one another about said apex.

23. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 22, wherein

    |     said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

    |     said ~~convex linearcurved~~ protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~convex linearcurved~~ protrusion.

24. **(Cancelled)**

25. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 22, wherein

    |     said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

    |     said ~~convex linearcurved~~ protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

26. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

    | said ~~convex linear curved~~ protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~convex linear curved~~ protrusion.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 26, wherein

    | said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

    | said ~~convex linear curved~~ protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 29, wherein

    | said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

    | said ~~convex linear curved~~ protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

31. (Currently Amended) The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

    | said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

    | said ~~convex linear curved~~ protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth

directions.

32. (**Previously Presented**) The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

    said inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper comprises an innermost peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper.

33. (**New**) The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein said inner peripheral surface is continuous.

34. (**New**) The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein said cup-shaped stopper includes only one curved protrusion.

35. (**New**) The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein said curved protrusion is rigid and does not deform upon contact with said crankshaft.